

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

DARRELL KENT,

Plaintiff,

v.

WASHINGTON STATE SPECIAL  
COMMITMENT CENTER CHIEF  
MEDICAL DIRECTOR, DR. LESLIE  
SZIEBERT; WASHINGTON STATE  
SPECIAL COMMITMENT CENTER,  
GALINA DIXON, ARNP, and JOHN  
DOES 1-25 and JANE DOES 1-25,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 3:15-CV-05553-BHS-DWC

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
TO DISMISS DOE DEFENDANTS  
WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Noting Date: February 26, 2016

Plaintiff, a Washington State civilly-committed detainee proceeding *pro se*, filed this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 on August 6, 2015. Dkt. 1. Plaintiff has named John Does 1-25 and Jane Does 1-25 (“Doe defendants”) as defendants in this action. On December 14, 2015, the Court ordered Plaintiff to provide the names and addresses of the Doe defendants within 30 days of the date of the order. The deadline for Plaintiff to comply with this

1 Court's order was January 14, 2016. As of the date of this report and recommendation, Plaintiff  
2 has not provided the names and addresses of the Doe defendants to the Court.

3 The use of "John Doe" to identify a defendant is not favored. *Gillespie v. Civiletti*, 629  
4 F.2d 637, 642 (9th Cir. 1980). Although a plaintiff may be given an opportunity after filing a  
5 lawsuit to discover the identity of unknown defendants through discovery, the use of Doe  
6 defendants is problematic because those persons cannot be served with process until they are  
7 identified by their real names. Further, though Plaintiff lists the Doe defendants in the case  
8 caption, they are otherwise unmentioned in the complaint or named in Plaintiff's causes of  
9 action. Therefore, the undersigned recommends the entry of an order dismissing the Doe  
10 defendants from this case without prejudice.

11 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b), the parties shall have  
12 fourteen (14) days from service of this Report to file written objections. *See also* Fed. R. Civ. P.  
13 6. Failure to file objections will result in a waiver of those objections for purposes of de novo  
14 review by the district judge. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). Accommodating the time limit  
15 imposed by Rule 72(b), the clerk is directed to set the matter for consideration on February 26,  
16 2016, as noted in the caption.

17 Dated this 4th day of February, 2016.

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19 David W. Christel  
20 United States Magistrate Judge  
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